THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has been launched in 23 identified districts of Bihar with effect from 2.2.2006.

(b) and (c) Government of Bihar has implemented Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the remaining 15 districts, namely Arwal, Banka, Buxar, Begusarai, Bhagalpur, East Champaran, Siwan, Gopalganj, Khagaria, Madhepura, Saran, Saharsa, Sheikhpura, Sitamarhi and West Champaran of the State on the same pattern. The scheme in these 15 districts is being funded from State Plan.

Self employment schemes for rural youth

390. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented by Government to provide self-employment to the rural youths in the country;

(b) the total funds allocated and released and utilised in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) what are the new schemes that are being considered/formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) as a major Self Employment Programme in rural areas of the country *w.e.f.* April, 1999. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to enable them to cross the poverty line. It does not specifically target unemployed youths. However, eligible unemployed youths are covered under the scheme.

(b) A statement showing funds allocated, released and utilised under the SGSY during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Central allocation	Central release	Funds utilized (Centre and State Share)
2002-03	710.00	796.04	921.11
2003-04	800.00	797.55	1045.86
2004-05	1000.00	996.59	1290.88

(c) no other schemes have been formulated by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Guideline for NREG scheme

391. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the guidelines for the effective implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the work envisaged to be taken up in 150 districts identified under NREGS in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise separately, indicating the number of households proposed to be provided livelihood in each district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b)_For effective implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Operational Guidelines have been prepared by Ministry of Rural Development. Printed copies of the guidelines have been provided to all the States where the Act is being implemented. The Guidelines have been placed on the web site of Ministry of Rural Development. Copies of the guidelines have also been made available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The NREG Act has been implemented in 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh. District wise details are given in enclosed statement.